

Declaration, Power Of Attorney and Petition

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WE (I) the undersigned inventor(s), hereby declare(s) that :

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

We (I) believe that we are (I am) the original, first, and joint (sole) inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

HOLDING TONGS FOR A FLEXIBLE SLEEVE AND PROCESS FOR CLOSURE OF THE LATTER BY SEALING

the specification of which

- is attached hereto.
- was filed on
as Application Serial No.
and amended on
- was filed as PCT international application
Number PCT/FR00/02015
on July 12, 2000
and was amended under PCT Article 19
on

We (I) hereby state that we (I) have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We (I) acknowledge the duty to disclose information known to be material to the patentability of this application as defined in Section 1.56 of Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations.

We (I) hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d) or § 365 (b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365 (a) of any PCT International application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed. Prior Foreign Application (s)

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We (I) hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 (e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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We (I) hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT International application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT International application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of this application.

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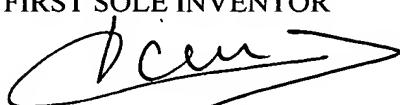
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And we (I) hereby appoint :Charles B. Gordon, Registration Number 16,923; William C. McCoy, Registration Number 16,885; Louis V. Granger, Registration Number 15,999; William A. Gail, Registration Number 17,409; Richard H. Dickinson Jr, Registration Number 18,622; Thomas P. Schiller, Registration Number 20,677; David B. Deioma, Registration Number 22,841; Joseph J. Corso, Registration Number 25,845; Howard G. Shimola, Registration Number 26,232; Jeffrey J. Sopko, Registration Number 27,676; John P. Murtaugh, Registration Number 34,226; James M. Moore, Registration Number 32,923; David E. Spaw, Registration Number 34,732; Michael W. Garvey, Registration Number 35,878; Paul R. Katterle, Registration Number 36,563; Richard M. Mescher, Registration Number 38,242 and Mark E. Bandy, Registration Number 35,788; our (my) attorneys, with full powers of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent Office connected therewith; and we (I) hereby request that all correspondence regarding this application be sent to the firm of PEARNE, GORDON, McCOY & GRANGER whose Post Office Address is : 526 Superior Avenue east Suite 1200 Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1484.

We (I) declare that all statements made herein of our (my) own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true ; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such wilful false statements may jeopardise the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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Signature of Inventor

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Date

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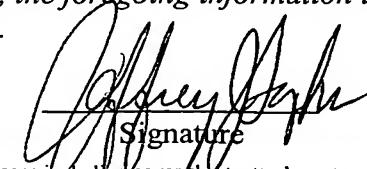
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*To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.*Jeffrey J. Sopko
Name of Person Signing

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January 14, 2002

Date

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Assignment Of Application

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WHEREAS, I (WE)

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respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements in : HOLDING TONGS FOR A FLEXIBLE SLEEVE AND PROCESS FOR CLOSURE OF THE LATTER BY SEALING

for which an application for Letters Patent was executed on
(Application No. , filed), and

WHEREAS, COMPAGNIE GENERALE DES MATIERES NUCLEAIRES

(hereinafter referred to as "assignee") having a place of business at :

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is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said invention and in and to any Letters patent that may be granted therefore in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries ;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of FIVE DOLLARS (\$5.00), the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledge, and for other good and valuable consideration, I (WE), by these presents do sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, the full and exclusive right to the said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in all foreign countries and the entire right, title and interest in and to any and all Letters patent which may be granted thereof in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries and in and to any and all divisions, reissues, continuations, substitutions and renewals thereof.

I (WE) hereby authorise and request the Patent Office Officials in the United States and its territorial possessions and any all foreign countries to issue any and all of said Letters Patent, when granted, to said ASSIGNEE as the assignee of my (our) entire right , title and interest in and to the same, for the sole use and behoof of said ASSIGNEE, its (his) successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent may be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held by me (us) had this Assignment and sale not been made.

Further, I (WE) agree that I (WE) will communicate to said ASSIGNEE or its (his) representatives any facts known to me (us) respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, substitute, renewal and reissue applications, execute all necessary assignment papers to cause any and all of said Letter Patent to be issued to said ASSIGNEE, make all rightful oaths, and, generally do everything possible to aid said ASSIGNEE, its (his) successors and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in the United States and its territorial possessions and in any and all foreign countries.

The undersigned hereby grant(s) the firm of PEARNE, GORDON, McCOY & GRANGER of 526 Superior Avenue East Suite 1200 Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1484 the power to insert on this assignment any further identification, including the application number and filing date, which may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States patent and trademark office for recordation of this document.

Date : November 09, 2001

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